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REVIEW: VISIT TO THE USSR OF BARBARA BLUM (02.00)

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1. EMBOFF INFORMED HYDROMET ABOUT THE CONTENTS OF
REFTEL ON JUNE 23. SOVIETS NOTED THAT THEY WILL
REVISE PROGRAM TO ACCOMMODATE NECESSITY FOR BLUM TO
LEAVE USSR ON JULY 14. SOVIETS ASKED WHETHER BLUM
STILL WISHES TO VISIT LENINGRAD, NOTING THAT IT WOULD
BE POSSIBLE FOR HER TO LEAVE ON JULY 14 FROM LENINGRAD
FOR WESTERN EUROPE AND CONNECTING FLIGHT ONWARD TO
US. SOVIETS STATED THAT THEY PREFER BLUM TO ARRIVE
ON PREVIOUSLY PLANNED DATE OF JULY 8.

2. SOVIETS WILL ARRANGE CULTURAL PROGRAM FOR BLUM ON
JULY 11, HOWEVER, HYDROMET REP NOTED THAT MOST OF
MOSCOW'S MAJOR COMPANIES, INCLUDING THE BOLSHOI BALLET,
WILL BE OUT OF TOWN AT THAT TIME. SOVIETS WOULD PREFER
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NOT TO SCHEDULE EMBASSY-HOSTED WORKING LUNCH ON JULY 10.
HYDROMET REP NOTED THAT JULY 10 IS THE ONLY DAY IZRAEL'
WILL BE ABLE TO MEET BLUM AND SOVIETS ARE SCHEDULING
MID YEAR REVIEW TALKS TO LAST ENTIRE DAY OF JULY 10,
WITH ONLY SHORT BREAK FOR REFRESHMENTS. IZRAEL' WILL
HOST SMALL RECEPTION FOR BLUM EVENING OF JULY 10.

3. SOVIETS PROMISED TO PROVIDE REVISED PROGRAM FOR
BLUM VISIT ON JUNE 26. TOON

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